

FOUR MEN FOR TWO JOBS

Omaha Blessed with Duplicate Commissioners of Streets and Sewers.

CHARTER DOESN'T SUIT THE COUNCIL

Attempt by the Mayor to Put the New Bill of Rights into Effect Starts a Deuce of a Row—Will Hold It Over.

An effort was made at the council meeting last night to put into immediate effect the provisions of the new city charter which provides that one member of the Board of Public Works shall be street commissioner and another sewer commissioner, and which effect, if not in express terms, is to be present street commissioner, sewer inspector and sidewalk inspector out of office.

When the charter was passed it was found that the two members of the Board of Public Works, besides the chairman, had suffered an increase of salary from \$1,000 per annum to \$2,000 per annum with the enlarged duties of street and sewer commissioner. It was said by City Attorney Connell at the time that the salary provision of the charter was void under the constitutional provision which states that the salary of no officer shall be increased during his term of office.

Several years ago, when the late George Timme was a member of the Board of County Commissioners, the legislature passed a law increasing the salary of the members of that body from \$1,000 per annum to \$1,800 per annum.

The council refused to accept the constitutional provision, to pay Mr. Timme the increase, as he was in office at the time the law was passed. He brought suit in the district court and Judge Burns decided the case in his favor. The matter was taken to the supreme court and a decision rendered sustaining the decision of the district court.

The court held that the constitutional provision applied only to those officers whose offices were created by the constitution. The syllabus of the case is as follows:

1. In the absence of any constitutional prohibition or affirmative provision fixing the term of the office of any officer, the legislature has the right to change such term or compensation, and such change of term or compensation may be made at any time while the officer is in office as to those to be thereafter elected.

2. Where an office is created by the constitution the compensation of the officer can neither be increased nor diminished during his term of office.

The amended charter was signed by the governor and became a law on April 8, and since that time Mayor St. A. D. Balmore and Major John H. Furay, the two members of the board affected by the change, have been entitled to a salary of \$2,000 per annum each. Mayor Balmore is of the opinion that the increased duties should go with the increase of salary and last night he sent the following communication to the council:

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA: Gentlemen—Under the recent amendments to section 104, the Board of Public Works is authorized to consist of two officers and two members to be known as street commissioner and sewer commissioner, and the chairman of the board is to have general supervision of public works, and the members to have the supervision of the work done upon the surface of streets, and the member known as the sewer commissioner is to have the supervision of sewer work and other work under the surface of the streets. The effect of this amendment is an attempt to abolish the offices of street commissioner, sidewalk inspector and sewer inspector as heretofore existing.

While the charter provision as now existing does not expressly authorize the mayor to designate the office each member shall fill until the time of making an appointment in July, it would seem desirable and proper that such designation should be made at once for the time intervening between the present and the date of appointing a new member. Unless this is done, confusion and uncertainty will exist as to which member shall perform the duties of street commissioner and which member the duties of sewer commissioner, and which member the interest of public service, designate the office each commissioner shall fill until the first Tuesday in July, 1893.

I designate St. A. D. Balmore, a member of said Board of Public Works, as street commissioner until the first Tuesday in July, 1893. I designate John H. Furay, a member of said Board of Public Works, as sewer commissioner until the first Tuesday in July, 1893.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PROSPECTS

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During the afternoon the directors of the Board of Trade had met and appointed a committee of five, consisting of Joseph A. Connor, F. C. Ayer, C. H. Fowler, E. E. Bruce and H. P. Cady to negotiate with a committee appointed by the club and consisting of George H. Payne, A. P. Tukey and Dan Farrell, concerning a lease to the club of the top floor and to decide upon the improvements desired.

One drawing had been submitted and was carefully looked over by the club. It provided for a kitchen, cafe, private cafe, freight commissioner's room, a business office, reception room and necessary closets, hall-ways, etc. The kitchen will probably be built out from one of the walls, in order to give good ventilation in summer from the south and to prevent the odor from entering the club rooms. The reception room is 35x34 feet in size and will be in the very northeast corner, from which an excellent view can be obtained of east and west on Farnam and north and south on Sixteenth street.

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young attorney of this city, was solemnized at the home of the bride in Elizabeth Place last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Guide 300 guests were present. The ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Learned leaving for the south at 10 o'clock.



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